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**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
The British steamer *Torment*, from Chinkiang 28th March, had dull gloomy weather and fog. The British steamer *Chelmsford*, from London and Singapore 28th March, had light winds and fine weather and smooth sea.  
The British steamer *Formosa*, from Tamsui 28th March, Amoy 29th, and Swatow 30th, had drier weather to Amoy and to Swatow similar weather. From Swatow to port light variable winds and overcast.

**VESSELS PASSED ANYER.**  
March 10, Ned. str. *Princess Amelia*, Visman, Mar. 10, from Batavia for Amsterdam.  
13, British ship *Falls of Garry*, Lawrence, Mar. 7, from Teget for Barbados.  
14, New York steamer *Chelmsford*, from London, Mar. 13, from Singapore for Batavia.  
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15, Ned. str. *G. G. Jacobs*, from Java for Padang.  
15, Ned. str. *Palmarus*, Edmonson, Mar. 15, from Batavia for Amsterdam.  
17, British ship *Tweed*, Peterson, Mar. 16, from Batavia for Cocos Island.

**PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE PAE EAST.**  
For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yarra*, from Marseille to Yokohama, Mar. 28, to Kobe, Mr. C. N. Crose, to Shanghai, Mr. White, Mr. G. Woolley, to Hongkong, Mr. B. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew, Mr. B. May, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Max Stone.  
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We are the ONLY WATER BOT COMPANY  
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Telephone 90, October 1895. [238]

**AUCTIONS.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions  
PUBLIC AUCTION.  
TUESDAY, the 6th April, at 2.30 P.M.,  
at his Sale Room, 21, Market Street, S.W.,  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,  
(for Sandy Accounts).  
Comprising—  
EMBOSSED VELVET COVERED  
MARBLE TOP CENTRE and SIDE  
TABLES.  
BEVELED OVERMANTLES, PIC-  
TURES and ORNAMENTS.  
CARPETS and RUGS.  
GLASS BOOK CASES, DESKS and  
WRITING TABLES.  
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MAR-  
BLE TOP SIDEBOARD with Beveled Glass  
FRONT, VIENNA ROCKING  
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COVERED LOUNGE.  
CROCKERY, GLASS, and PLATED  
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Extra Dry, Gold Seal  
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Per Case of 12 bottles ..... \$20  
Paragon to the Royal Court in Italy  
Per Case of 12 bottles ..... \$25  
Per Case of 24 bottles ..... \$35

**PROSPECTUS**  
**TERRA PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
Incorporated under Ordinances of Hongkong  
1885 to 1891, by the authority of  
Shareholders is limited to the  
amount of their Shares.  
GENERAL MANAGERS—  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.  
CAPITAL ..... \$100,000  
(Divided into 20,000 Shares of \$5 each, of which  
10,000 fully paid up. Shares have been  
allotted to the Vendors and the  
remaining 10,000 are now  
offered for subscription.)  
TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION \$200 per  
Share on application.  
The balance in instalments of \$1 per annum.  
Applications for Shares, accompanied by a  
deposit of \$2 per Share, must be sent in to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at  
its Head Office or at any of its Branches on or  
before the 31st March 1897.  
For forms of application apply in Hongkong  
to JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General  
Managers, or to the Hongkong and Shanghai  
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**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.**  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..... \$1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... \$500,000  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
COURT OF DIRECTORS—  
D. GILLIES, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.,  
H. S. ROBERTSON, Esq., KWAN HO CHUNG, Esq.,  
CHAM CHUAN, Esq., CHIEF MANAGER.  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.  
Interest for 12 Months Fixed ..... 5%  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1895. [118]

**THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**  
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules  
may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at  
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.  
ON FIXED DEPOSITS—  
For 12 months ..... 4%  
" 6 " ..... 3%  
" 3 " ..... 2%  
" 1 " ..... 1%  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [15]

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1897. [737]

**OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES LIMITED.**  
An issue of B shares at par is offered to  
the Registered Shareholders of the  
above Company. A total of Seven  
shares for every fifty shares they hold. Every  
Shareholder on the Register on Wednesday,  
the 7th day of April next, will be entitled to  
an allotment of Seven B shares for every Fifty  
shares which he or she registered in his name.  
All applications must be made on forms for the  
purpose, which may be obtained at the Office of  
the Company on or after the 7th day of April  
next, and must be filled up and lodged with the  
Company on or before the expiration of 14  
days of April next, together with a sum of  
Two dollars and fifty cents for every share  
applied for as a first instalment. A receipt will  
be given, which must be forwarded to the  
Company in exchange for the shares.  
The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED  
on WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, to  
WEDNESDAY, the 14th April next, both days  
inclusive, during which period no transfer of  
shares can be made.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
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38-40, Queen's Road, Central.  
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**BANKS.**  
**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$300,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$200,000  
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at  
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ..... 4%  
" 6 " ..... 3%  
" 3 " ..... 2%  
" 1 " ..... 1%  
T. M. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [16]

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$5,000,000  
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at  
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**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.**  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..... \$1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... \$500,000  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
COURT OF DIRECTORS—  
D. GILLIES, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.,  
H. S. ROBERTSON, Esq., KWAN HO CHUNG, Esq.,  
CHAM CHUAN, Esq., CHIEF MANAGER.  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.  
Interest for 12 Months Fixed ..... 5%  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1895. [118]

**THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**  
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules  
may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at  
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.  
ON FIXED DEPOSITS—  
For 12 months ..... 4%  
" 6 " ..... 3%  
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Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [15]

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1897. [737]

**OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES LIMITED.**  
An issue of B shares at par is offered to  
the Registered Shareholders of the  
above Company. A total of Seven  
shares for every fifty shares they hold. Every  
Shareholder on the Register on Wednesday,  
the 7th day of April next, will be entitled to  
an allotment of Seven B shares for every Fifty  
shares which he or she registered in his name.  
All applications must be made on forms for the  
purpose, which may be obtained at the Office of  
the Company on or after the 7th day of April  
next, and must be filled up and lodged with the  
Company on or before the expiration of 14  
days of April next, together with a sum of  
Two dollars and fifty cents for every share  
applied for as a first instalment. A receipt will  
be given, which must be forwarded to the  
Company in exchange for the shares.  
The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED  
on WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, to  
WEDNESDAY, the 14th April next, both days  
inclusive, during which period no transfer of  
shares can be made.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
38-40, Queen's Road, Central.  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [763]

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
THE CERTIFICATE No. 2703, dated  
31st July, 1896, for Ten Shares, Nos.  
5410/5423, in this Company, standing in the  
name of CHENG SOW of Hongkong, has  
been LOST and if at the expiration of ONE  
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